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H. R. 1736

[Report No. 111–128]

To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. CARNAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

MAY 21, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mr. HOLT and Mr. MILLER of North Carolina

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A BILL

To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Science
 5 and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND**
 7 **TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS.**

8 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Director of the Office of
 9 Science and Technology Policy shall establish a committee
 10 under the National Science and Technology Council with
 11 the responsibility to identify and coordinate international
 12 science and technology cooperation that can strengthen
 13 the domestic science and technology enterprise and sup-
 14 port United States foreign policy goals.

15 (b) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The committee established
 16 under subsection (a) shall—

17 (1) plan and coordinate interagency inter-
 18 national science and technology cooperative research
 19 and training activities and partnerships supported or
 20 managed by Federal agencies;

21 (2) establish Federal priorities and policies for
 22 aligning, as appropriate, international science and
 23 technology cooperative research and training activi-
 24 ties and partnerships supported or managed by Fed-

1 eral agencies with the foreign policy goals of the
2 United States;

3 ~~(3) identify opportunities for new international~~
4 ~~science and technology cooperative research and~~
5 ~~training partnerships that advance both the science~~
6 ~~and technology and the foreign policy priorities of~~
7 ~~the United States;~~

8 ~~(4) work with international science and tech-~~
9 ~~nology counterparts to establish international science~~
10 ~~and technology cooperative research and training~~
11 ~~partnerships, as identified under paragraph (3); and~~

12 ~~(5) establish, periodically update, and maintain~~
13 ~~an inventory of all nonclassified international science~~
14 ~~and technology cooperative research and training ac-~~
15 ~~tivities and partnerships that involve an annual~~
16 ~~United States Federal investment of at least~~
17 ~~\$500,000 dollars.~~

18 ~~(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Of-~~
19 ~~fice of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit a re-~~
20 ~~port annually to Congress at the time of the President's~~
21 ~~budget request describing the priorities and policies estab-~~
22 ~~lished under subsection (b)(2).~~

23 ~~(d) PUBLICATION OF INVENTORY.—The Director of~~
24 ~~the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall publish~~
25 ~~the inventory required under subsection (b)(5) at least~~

1 ~~once every 5 years, beginning 1 year after the date of en-~~
 2 ~~actment of this Act.~~

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 7 **TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS.**

8 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Office of*
 9 *Science and Technology Policy shall establish a committee*
 10 *under the National Science and Technology Council with*
 11 *the responsibility to identify and coordinate international*
 12 *science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the*
 13 *United States science and technology enterprise, improve*
 14 *economic and national security, and support United States*
 15 *foreign policy goals.*

16 *(b) COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP.—The committee estab-*
 17 *lished under subsection (a) shall be co-chaired by senior*
 18 *level officials from the Office of Science and Technology Pol-*
 19 *icy and the Department of State.*

20 *(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The committee established*
 21 *under subsection (a) shall—*

22 *(1) plan and coordinate interagency inter-*
 23 *national science and technology cooperative research*
 24 *and training activities and partnerships supported or*
 25 *managed by Federal agencies and work with other*

1 *National Science and Technology Council committees*
2 *to help plan and coordinate the international compo-*
3 *nent of national science and technology priorities;*

4 *(2) establish Federal priorities and policies for*
5 *aligning, as appropriate, international science and*
6 *technology cooperative research and training activi-*
7 *ties and partnerships supported or managed by Fed-*
8 *eral agencies with the foreign policy goals of the*
9 *United States;*

10 *(3) identify opportunities for new international*
11 *science and technology cooperative research and train-*
12 *ing partnerships that advance both the science and*
13 *technology and the foreign policy priorities of the*
14 *United States;*

15 *(4) in carrying out paragraph (3), solicit input*
16 *and recommendations from non-Federal science and*
17 *technology stakeholders, including universities, sci-*
18 *entific and professional societies, industry, and rel-*
19 *evant organizations and institutions, through work-*
20 *shops and other appropriate venues;*

21 *(5) work with international science and tech-*
22 *nology counterparts, both non-governmental and gov-*
23 *ernmental (in coordination with the Department of*
24 *State), to establish and maintain international*
25 *science and technology cooperative research and train-*

1 *ing partnerships, as identified under paragraph (3);*
2 *and*

3 *(6) address broad issues that influence the ability*
4 *of United States scientists and engineers to collabo-*
5 *rate with foreign counterparts, including barriers to*
6 *collaboration and access to scientific information.*

7 *(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Office*
8 *of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit a report*
9 *annually to Congress at the time of the President’s budget*
10 *request containing a description of the priorities and poli-*
11 *cies established under subsection (c)(2), the ongoing and*
12 *new partnerships established in the previous fiscal year,*
13 *and how stakeholder input, as required under subsection*
14 *(c)(4), was received.*

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